

**PARISH OF LAFOURCHE,
STATE OF LOUISIANA
CERTAIN FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL DATA**

Population of the Parish

The population growth trend of the Parish of Lafourche is as follows:

YEAR	PARISH POPULATION	STATE POPULATION
1950	42,209	2,683,516
1960	55,381	3,257,022
1970	68,941	3,644,637
1980	82,483	4,205,900
1990	85,860	4,219,973
1991	86,737	4,251,560
1992	87,016	4,287,195
1993	87,316	4,295,477
1994	87,335	4,315,085
1995	87,625	4,339,352
1996	87,852	4,350,579
1997	88,060	4,351,769
1998	88,269	4,368,967

Sources: US Census; Louisiana Tech University, January, 1999.

Population of Municipalities

The population growth trends of the municipalities in the Parish of Lafourche are as follows:

YEAR	GOLDEN MEADOW	LOCKPORT	THIBODAUX
1960	3,097	2,221	13,403
1970	2,681	2,398	15,028
1980	2,282	2,424	15,810
1990	2,049	2,503	14,035
1991	2,076	2,588	14,061
1992	2,058	2,545	14,284
1993	2,104	2,571	14,266
1994	2,104	2,570	14,512
1995	2,128	2,706	14,579
1996	2,146	2,814	15,226
1997	2,165	2,855	15,730
1998	2,171	2,889	15,821

Sources: US Census; Louisiana Tech University, January, 1999.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Personal Income

The Bureau of Economic Analysis of the US Department of Commerce publishes personal income data. The most recent revised per capita income figures for the Parish, Louisiana and the United States are as follows:

YEAR	PARISH	LOUISIANA	UNITED STATES
1990	\$12,275	\$14,281	\$18,666
1991	\$12,855	\$15,079	\$19,201
1992	\$13,272	\$15,817	\$20,137
1993	\$14,644	\$17,133	\$21,220
1994	\$15,714	\$18,086	\$22,056
1995	\$16,344	\$18,826	\$23,059
1996	\$17,684	\$19,609	\$24,164
1997	\$19,266	\$20,458	\$25,288

Source: US Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, October, 1998.

Retail Sales

According to the *Survey of Buying Power*, estimated retail sales by category in Lafourche Parish were as follows:

(In Thousands)

Year	Total Retail Sales	Food	Eat/Drink	Gen Mdse	Furn/Appl	Auto
1991	\$458,953	\$176,065	\$27,160	\$58,689	\$8,876	\$70,080
1992	\$506,105	\$182,395	\$30,327	\$71,742	\$10,543	\$76,400
1993	\$512,986	\$180,963	\$29,642	\$77,103	\$10,860	\$77,357
1994	\$528,130	\$167,994	\$47,306	\$90,380	\$15,146	\$75,208
1995	\$548,365	\$183,787	\$45,377	\$92,696	\$15,457	\$71,926
1996	\$535,126	\$172,203	\$45,902	\$97,793	\$14,921	\$70,443
1997	\$554,869	\$180,751	\$47,456	\$104,536	\$15,474	\$79,544

(Note: The retail sales statistics in the 1995 edition of the *Survey of Buying Power*, which lists data for 1994, are based on newly published benchmark data from the 1992 Census of Retail Trade (CRT). Prior to this year, retail figures reported in the Survey were based on data from the 1987 Census [unlike the general Census, the CRT is conducted in five year intervals]. Whenever such an adjustment is made, trends in lines that fall across benchmark year are often skewed, a fact readers should keep in mind when comparing retail sales figures for 1994 and thereafter to those from prior years.

Source: Sales and Marketing Management, Survey of Buying Power, August, 1998.

SALES TAXES

Sales Taxes Levied in the Parish

The following is a summary, by area, of sales and use tax rates levied within the Parish of Lafourche as of 12/31/98.

Entity/Area	Parish-Wide Tax	Municipal Tax	Total Local Tax	State Tax	Total Sales Tax
LAFOURCHE PARISH	3.7		3.7	4	7.7
GOLDEN MEADOW	2.7	1	3.7	4	7.7
LOCKPORT	2.7	1	3.7	4	7.7
THIBODAUX	2	2	4	4	8
WARD 4, PCT. 6 (LA1 & LA24)	3.7	1	4.7	4	8.7
WARD 9, PCT. 2 (LA308)	3.7	1	4.7	4	8.7
WARD 10 (EXCLUDING GOLDEN MEADOW)	3.7	1	4.7	4	8.7

Source: Louisiana Department of Revenue and Taxation, Sales Tax Division, January, 1999.

Taxable Sales

Sales and use taxes are levied by various entities at various rates throughout the Parish. The following figures represent the tax base of a broad-based sales and use tax levied on a parishwide basis.

(In Thousands)

Month	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
January	\$63,805	\$71,264	\$78,440	\$85,730	\$82,734
February	\$49,176	\$45,217	\$53,705	\$57,896	\$65,892
March	\$43,366	\$48,612	\$53,785	\$52,903	\$65,468
April	\$56,136	\$55,279	\$59,856	\$73,833	\$77,368
May	\$49,554	\$55,108	\$61,050	\$66,381	\$76,306
June	\$50,996	\$52,472	\$57,633	\$64,684	\$69,326
July	\$55,678	\$70,171	\$69,689	\$78,859	\$84,732
August	\$50,782	\$49,866	\$57,399	\$71,156	\$68,095
September	\$55,396	\$58,899	\$73,537	\$78,836	\$71,379
October	\$56,951	\$57,392	\$71,221	\$84,698	\$71,605
November	\$50,876	\$54,397	\$61,042	\$72,135	\$71,969
December	\$48,973	\$44,636	\$55,862	\$66,862	
Annual Total	\$631,690	\$663,313	\$753,220	\$853,972	

Source: Oakland Econometrics.

PROPERTY TAXES

Assessed Valuation of the Parish

The recent trend in the assessed valuation of property throughout the Parish of Lafourche is as follows:

Year	Taxable Assessed Valuation	Homestead Exemptions	Total Assessed Valuation
1990	\$178,837,550	\$86,970,650	\$265,808,200
1991	\$184,004,870	\$87,610,530	\$271,615,400
1992	\$179,555,170	\$88,851,870	\$268,407,040
1993	\$180,639,790	\$90,152,920	\$270,792,710
1994	\$182,699,500	\$91,799,460	\$274,498,960
1995	\$186,746,930	\$94,012,390	\$280,759,320
1996	\$200,861,870	\$100,991,570	\$301,853,440
1997	\$225,401,130	\$103,550,840	\$328,951,970
1998	\$243,871,030	\$108,322,720	\$352,193,750

Source: Lafourche Parish Assessor's Office.

A breakdown of the assessed valuation of the Parish by classification of property is as follows:

Year	Real Estate	Personal Property	Public Service
1990	\$126,400,350	\$89,116,460	\$50,291,390
1991	\$126,966,240	\$94,149,680	\$50,499,480
1992	\$128,259,270	\$89,981,940	\$50,165,830
1993	\$130,276,890	\$89,927,940	\$50,587,880
1994	\$136,366,070	\$88,620,130	\$49,512,760
1995	\$139,622,760	\$90,857,620	\$50,278,940
1996	\$153,229,490	\$97,237,740	\$51,386,210
1997	\$158,968,110	\$114,275,100	\$55,708,760
1998	\$169,199,250	\$124,079,050	\$58,915,450

Millage Rates

The recent trend in the aggregate ad valorem tax rates (in mills) levied on a parishwide basis by various entities within the boundaries of the Parish of Lafourche follows:

Year	Millage
1990	72.24
1991	71.71
1992	77.49
1993	77.88
1994	77.00
1995	76.70
1996	76.05
1997	82.70
1998	83.30

Sources: Louisiana Tax Commission and Lafourche Parish Assessor's Office.

Leading Taxpayers

The ten largest property taxpayers of the Parish of Lafourche in 1998 and their assessed valuation are as follows:

TAXPAYER	ASSESSED VALUATION
1. LOOP, INC.	\$11,972,680
2. LOCAP INC.	\$9,013,640
3. ENTERGY	\$8,492,620
4. ARGENTBANK	\$6,061,860
5. BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$5,929,900
6. LAFORUCHE TELEPHONE CO., INC.	\$5,670,210
7. CHEVRON U.S.A. PRODUCTION CO.	\$5,563,770
8. MARS OIL PIPELINE CO	\$5,491,440
9. DISCOVERY GAS DISTRIBUTION LLC	\$3,830,460
10. ALPHA MARINE SERVICES, LLC.	\$3,630,000

Source: Lafourche Parish Assessor's Office.

SCHOOL STATISTICS

Enrollment

The recent trends in public school registration, average daily membership and average daily attendance in the Lafourche Parish school system are as follows:

REGISTRATION	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE	15,435	14,295	14,893	14,664
AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP	16,443	15,279	15,967	15,698
PUBLIC	16,360	16,131	16,154	15,836

"Average Daily Attendance" reflects the average daily attendance of member public school students during the session. "Average Daily Membership" reflects the average daily count of public school students registered during the session. "Public" reflects the count of public school students registered on the first day of the school year, including pre-kindergarten.

Expenditures

Expenditure trends for the Lafourche Parish School Board are as follows:

EXPENDITURES	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
MEAN TEACHER SALARY	\$24,082	\$26,838	\$28,082	\$30,891
CURRENT EXPEN PER STUDENT	\$3,922	\$4,359	\$5,106	\$5,444
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$626,335	\$472,687	\$1,420,702	\$10,559,565
DEBT SERVICE	\$2,771,141	\$2,783,778	\$2,823,188	\$2,766,955
CURRENT EXPENDITURES	\$64,492,567	\$70,577,914	\$78,591,415	\$86,767,151

Source: Louisiana Department of Education.